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## PREFACE

The material in this pamphlet has been selected and abstracted from the current files of 15 Cleveland newspapers. Eleven of these, printed in nine languages, are publications of nationality groups; four speak for the Negroes. The language barrier, as well as other factors, is apt to prevent easy approach to the expression of thought of important sections of our population as reflected in these journals. Comment On Current Events is designed to make this material more accessible, particularly where it bears on issues of national and world import.

The items dealing with each subject are listed chronologically under the name of the newspaper from which they have been taken. In each case the reference citation (date, page, and column of the original item) precedes the abstract. The citation, "Dec. 11: 4/3-8," in other words, indicates that the original article appeared in the Dec. 11 issue, on page 4, columns 3 to 8. At the end of each item figures in parentheses indicate the length in column inches of the original article.

It will be noted that each newspaper is not necessarily represented under all subjects. This may indicate either that the particular newspaper had no comment to make or that -- as in the case of the weeklies -- comment appeared in issues published after the closing date of this pamphlet and will appear in later issues of the Comment.

These items are a part of the regular digest of these newspapers, prepared by the Cleveland Foreign Language Newspaper Digest, which will be available for the current year at a later date. The list of newspapers surveyed for this pamphlet and bibliographical information concerning them follows:

### Foreign-Language Newspapers

AMERISKA DOMOVINA (American Home) is a Slovenian paper. It is successor to Nasa Beseda (Our Word) founded in 1898, the Nova Domovina (New Home), the Ameriska (America), and the Clevelandka Amerika (Cleveland America). It is an eight-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editors are James Debevec and Frank Turek.

BRATSTVO (Brotherhood), successor to the Rodina (Family) founded in 1927, is a Carpatho-Russian paper. It is a 20-page monthly, page size 7 by 10 inches. Vasilij Racin is the editor.

ENAKOPRAVNOST (Equality) is a Slovenian paper, founded in 1918. It is an eight-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Anton Sabec.

HLAS (Voice) is a Slovak paper, founded in 1908. It is a six-page weekly,

page size 15 by 21 inches. The editors are John Pankuch and Charles Belohlavek.

L'ARALDO (The Herald) is an Italian paper, founded in 1938. It is a 16-page weekly, page size 16 by 10. The editor is Matteo Teresi.

LA VOCE DEL POPOLO ITALIANO (The Voice of the Italian People) is an Italian paper, founded in 1904. It is a four-page semi-weekly, page size 16 by 21. The publisher is Mrs. Elvira Melaragno.

SVET-AMERICAN (World-American), successor to the American founded in 1899 and the Svet founded in 1911, is a Czech paper. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editors are Frank J. Kutak and Oscar A. Niederle.

SZABADSAG (Liberty) is a Hungarian paper, founded in 1891. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Zoltan Gombos.

WAECHTER UND ANZEIGER (Sentinel and Advertiser), successor to the Waechter am Erie founded in 1852, and the Cleveland Anzeiger founded in 1870, is a German paper, founded in 1892. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Prosper Schoeb.

WIADOMOSCI CODZIENNE (Daily News) is a Polish paper, founded in 1915. It is a six-page daily, page size 18 by 23 inches. The editor is Z. B. Dybowski.

YIDDISHE WELT (Jewish World) is a Yiddish paper, founded in 1912. It is a six-page daily, page size 17 by 21 inches. The editor is Chaim Hurwitz.

#### Negro Newspapers

CALL AND POST, successor to the Call founded in 1921 and the Post founded in 1926, is a weekly founded in 1927. It is a 24-page paper, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is William O. Walker.

GAZETTE is a four-page weekly, founded in 1883. The page size is 16 by 21 inches. The editor, Harry C. Smith, died Dec. 10, 1941.

GUIDE is a 12-page weekly, page size 16 by 21 inches, founded in 1929. The editor is Eugene Francis Cheeks.

HERALD is an eight-page weekly, page size 16 by 21 inches, founded in 1939. The editor is Ormond A. Forte.

COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS  
From the Cleveland Foreign-Language Press

AMERICA AT WAR

CZECH: Svet-American

Dec. 8: 4/5,6 - The pro-German rats who, like a plague, poisoned the American public's mind have begun to crawl into their holes to hide their pro-Nazi activities. Charles A. Lindbergh refused to talk to reporters. Undoubtedly he had not yet received instructions from his friend, Hitler, on how to behave himself. (Comment in news item) (24)

Dec. 10: 2/1-4 - About two months ago an American admiral asserted that if Japan started hostilities with the United States, she would be subdued in three weeks. We wish that we could concur with the opinion that because the United States has been dragged into the war, it will be terminated sooner. The assertion was also made that the Japanese navy was of little value or importance and that the United States and Great Britain would be able to force Japan to capitulate in a short time. It now becomes apparent that our army and navy authorities did not fully realize with whom they would have to deal; even our government did not realize it. Two weeks ago a special Japanese emissary arrived in the United States presumably to negotiate a treaty with us, and just 24 hours before Japan launched her attack, the special emissary had asked for another conference with Secretary of State Hull. Today it is clear that Japan was not very much concerned with the outcome of her emissary's peace negotiations; he was vitally interested in gaining time for as much preparation as possible for a sudden attack on the United States. It is now also clear that when Japan was buying more scrap iron and oil from us than from any other country, she was feverishly engaged in preparing for her ultimate policy of attack. (Editorial) (32)

Dec. 13: 2/1-4 - Today the American nation evinces a picture of unity. We hope that this unity will remain intact no matter how severely it is tested. Even the isolationists stand with the President. The Chicago Tribune, which conducted the most stubborn fight for the isolationists, said in an editorial the other day that the war was forced on the United States by a mad clique of Japanese militarists who apparently see in it a desperate struggle to prolong their power. We hope that the Tribune realizes that it hurt America by its unbridled attitude which was so much enjoyed by Hitler, Mussolini, and their cohorts in Tokyo. (Editorial)(30)

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Dec. 10: 2/1,2 - The United States is now at war and because of this all sources of information such as the newspapers and the radio are subject to certain restrictions. It is of the utmost importance to the defense of our country that publication of important military activities be prohibited. Certain information, which may be unimportant enough in time of peace, may be very valuable to an enemy in wartime. A military control of the news bureaus is not only justified but necessary. Brig. Gen. Surles, director of public information of the war department, has declared that he will do his utmost to keep the public informed as long as doing so will not be detrimental to our nation or endanger life and property. It is the duty of every good citizen to refrain from spreading any information he may have concerning the army, navy, or industrial production no matter how unimportant the information may seem. One never knows how much damage seemingly unimportant information may cause if it should get in the hands of the enemy. Everyone should be conscious of this duty. (Editorial)(12)

Dec. 11: 2/1,2 - It is now obvious that Japan, right from the beginning, did not have the slightest intention of reaching an understanding with the United States. The Japanese had already planned this war when Saburo Kurusu was sent to negotiate in Washington. This was nothing but a trick in order to gain time for the preparation of a blitzkrieg on American bases. They could have used no better method for arousing the fervor of the American populace. Now that the dice have fallen for us German Americans as well as for all other citizens only one thing counts: Our sense of duty. As in all other wars, the government of the United States can depend on their loyalty and co-operation. The American people are ready and willing to make sacrifices in order to teach Japan a well-deserved lesson. (Editorial). (8)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Dec. 8: 2/1,2 - Japan, Hitler's accomplice, has treacherously attacked the United States.

Thanks to the foresight of our President and our general staff the attack does not find us unprepared. Japan will soon feel the strength of the United States. The yellow "honorary Aryans" have taken the first step toward Japanese national hara-kiri with this attack, which undoubtedly was instigated by Hitler. (Editorial) (16)

Dec. 9: 2/1,2 - President Roosevelt asked Congress in a 500-word speech to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and the Japanese empire.

The complete national unity which manifested itself immediately after the President's speech stirs the heart.

Political party differences have ceased to exist. There are no more Democrats or Republicans in Congress -- only Americans. Social quarrels have stopped: we are united! Differences between employers and employees have disappeared. One for all, all for one. The brutal, treacherous attack of Japan accomplished what heretofore we were unable to accomplish. The motto is: All behind the commander-in-chief! Forward to victory! (Editorial) (30)

Dec. 12: 2/1,2 - Hitler has declared war on the United States, and the free people of America immediately acknowledged his declaration. It was Hitler who several times asserted in the reichstag that two different worlds are facing each other and that one of them must perish.

This is the only time that Hitler told the truth. Yes, this is the struggle of two worlds and one will be destroyed. It is the world of slavery of the New Order that will be swept from the earth. (Editorial)

(30)

Dec. 13: 2/1,2 - Every loyal American asks himself nowadays the question: What can I do at present for the defense of my country? The development of our national defense program is progressing. As a matter of course, every American man and woman will have a part in it; the part to which he or she is best suited. In the meantime, we can all help immediately and effectively, by buying national defense bonds and stamps. (Editorial)(16)

Dec. 13: 2/3-5 - People and nations with inferiority complexes very often suffer from megalomania. So it is with the Japanese. These little yellow apes (Hitler called them that before he gave them the title of honorary Aryans) think of themselves as demigods. They even elevated their emperor to the position of a god. The Land of the Rising Sun already belongs to the land of the setting sun; Japan -- please remember this -- will become, after the noise and the great exertions of the first days, the Italy of Asia. (Article by Dr. Andor Sziklay)

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#### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Dec. 12: 8/4,5 - The 14 points which according to Wilson's idealism should have served as the basis of a lasting peace among peoples had the opposite effect. From Wilson's idealism, which wanted a peace without either conquerors or conquered, the unbridled imperialism of the strongest brought us to the Versailles treaty that sanctioned the most unjust peace and inexorably opened the road to new and more disastrous wars. Our heart bleeds when we think that in this world we still cannot find the way to avoid the horrors of war, the terrible fratricidal destruction, the tremendous destruction of every material and moral good. (Edward Corsi in a column by Il Romeo)

(12)

Dec. 12: 16/2,3 - What happened in the Pacific? Was the American fleet dozing at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii? These questions troubled many representatives of the people after the first reports of the outbreak of the war had been received. Repr. John D. Dingell of Detroit asked that five commanders of the army and the navy be court-martialed. Many congressmen recommend that the people do not form opinions until all the facts are known. In modern warfare we must expect similar and more serious surprises, especially when the enemy can assume the initiative under more favorable conditions.

It certainly is not a good thing to begin a war by court-martialing the admirals and the generals to whom we have entrusted the defense of the nation. If war cannot be avoided, we must fight it with faith, without fearing the defeats and the damages, to obtain the final victory. We are scarcely in the first round of a battle which is foreseen as resulting in a long and bloody war if God does not cut it short with a just peace, the supreme aspiration of the peoples. America, meanwhile, can have faith in

the fidelity, heroism, and spirit of sacrifice of all her citizens. (Unsigned article) (16)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Dec. 9: 4/1,2 - Yesterday becomes an historic day in American history. The United States gave her answer to the international murderer and robber who so insidiously attacked her. President Roosevelt's talk was short and to the point. Both houses of Congress responded decisively. Party grievances have disappeared since there is no longer a question of policy. America did not want to start a murder march but now that this march has started, the fight will be intensive and we hope that victory will come very shortly. In addition to the immense resources that will support the American fighting forces, our army, navy, and air forces will also be supported by the just anger of a great and strong nation fighting a crazy bandit. This madman must be wiped off the map before the fight is ended. (Editorial) (20)

Dec. 10: 4/1,2 - The militaristic clique of Japan, whose hands are drenched with the blood of millions of Chinese men, women, and children, have now started a new sea of tears and blood by starting a war in the Pacific against America and England. The yellow dogs of Tokyo, the international law breakers and aggressors, and the forerunners of that crazy dog of Europe -- Hitler -- are now in despair. The war in the Pacific is the beginning of the end for Japan and possibly the last chapter in the history of World War II.

The fathers of the American republic live in the souls and hearts of 130,000,000 American sons and daughters. With united strength and strong heroic hearts they will strike down the enemy together with all the federated international robbers. (Editorial) (26)

Dec. 11: 4/1,2 - For nine years President Roosevelt was a peace president and now he has become a war president. Most Americans heard his talk Tuesday night, his first war talk after the declaration of war on Japan.

The President said, "It will be a long and a hard war because we are at war with ... enemies who will stop at nothing." We can understand the tragic start and also the difficult developments, but we cannot understand any other outcome than a final and complete victory for America and her allies because they have the resources, the means, the stamina, and justice on their side. What the President said is certain: "We will win the war and we will win the peace." (Editorial) (20)

Dec. 12: 4/3-8 - Several hours after the report that Japanese airplanes had attacked Pearl Harbor and Manila, it became clear that the depravity of Japan had completely united the people in the United States into one gigantic power. If Japan depended on the reported disunity in this country to influence the outcome of the war declared on us, she must be convinced by this time that she definitely erred in her calculations. Leading isolationists like Senators Wheeler and Clark, irreconcilable opponents to the Roosevelt administration like the Chicago Tribune, and even the America First Committee solemnly declared that there must be no disunity in the present crisis; that there is but one task for all Americans to engage in now -- to deliver to Japan the deadly blow that she deserves.

The fact that the conflict with Japan is not a local one, but a part of the world conflict, was apparent to President Roosevelt a long time ago. Tokyo's attack is identical to Hitler's tactics. There are people who might consider the war with Japan a separate phase of World War II. We hope that this mistaken idea will not become the general opinion of Americans. After all, the question of fair play is also involved. Since England makes sacrifices in our behalf in the Pacific she may rightfully expect a similar attitude on our part toward her enemy in Europe. The request for fair play could likewise be made by Russia. (Article by D. Baron) (48)

Dec. 14: 4/1,2 - Before his "vest-pocket" reichstag Hitler assured the Germans that the Jews forced Germany to declare war on America. Nobody was surprised by the declarations of war from Berlin and Rome. What surprised us was the tone of Hitler's speech, trying to excuse himself for something. We believe that Hitler attempted to pacify the Germans, who were always afraid of a war with America, by telling them that there is no reason for alarm because it was only the spirit of the Jews and the Negroes in America that caused this war. (Editorial) (17)

Dec. 14: 4/1,2 - Had the Japanese negotiated with the United States a few more weeks they might have abandoned their plan of plunging into a bloody struggle and committing hara-kiri, because the minute the Japs attacked America the Nazis announced that their plan to take Moscow had to be postponed until spring. Hitler, although he sacrificed much more than Napoleon did, could not take Moscow. His retreat seems to have become a rout worse than that of Napoleon. We have to expect a hard war because the three gangster bands of the axis will not give up until they are completely defeated and that means costly losses for both sides. Nevertheless, we already notice symptoms that the day of reckoning is not far off. (Editorial) (17)

# POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Dec. 8: 2/1 - Following in the footsteps of the plundering Germans the Japanese attacked American possessions suddenly and before the formal declaration of war was made. Japan attacked America in the same manner that the Germans attacked Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. America was surprised by the attack. The entire nation is angered by Japan's audacity and her shameful tactics in conducting peace negotiations while secretly preparing to stab America in the back. This attack will not go unpunished. The entire nation will rise as one man and give Japan a reply that will be remembered unto the tenth generation. There is no panic in America, but woe unto Japan and unto those who induced Japan to take that step. (Editorial) (12)

Dec. 9: 2/4-6 - Under pressure from Germany, Japan was induced to commit national hara-kiri. It cannot be called anything else because Japan cannot win a war with the United States. True, Premier Tojo asserts that Japan has not lost a war in 2,600 years, but Japan is due to lose one now. Nevertheless, the war will not be easy. It will be a naval and aerial war. There can be no talk of an expeditionary force. The Japanese fleet must be destroyed first. Russia can help a lot if she will permit the use

of Vladivostok as a base. From that point our planes could bomb Japan.  
(Unsigned Column) (24)

Dec. 10: 2/2 - After the first World War there was a decadence in patriotism and a lack of sentiment. Since World War II began, President Roosevelt has been endeavoring to awaken more interest in the defense of our country. He was hampered by the activities of various pro-Nazi elements. Since Japan has attacked the United States the American public has opened its eyes. With the war came patriotism, not based on flag waving and cheers, but on love of country and a willingness to sacrifice everything. Now the people will have an opportunity to learn what sacrifice means. They will forget personal comfort, grit their teeth, and fight for their country. America did not want war, it was forced on her. We must support our government, form a united front, and act. After the enemy has been defeated, we may again relax and enjoy the blessings of a free people.  
(Editorial) (17)

Dec. 12: 4/2 - Hitler and Mussolini declared war on America yesterday morning. Congress immediately declared war on Germany and Italy. Hitler has gone insane. He fidgets like a wounded beast in a cage. Despite his inability to conquer England or Russia, he flung his gauntlet into the face of the greatest and strongest power in the world.

America will not stop until Hitler is destroyed. The fact that America suffered several set-backs in the treacherous Japanese attack means nothing. The set-backs were necessary to awaken America to action. The American eagle will now move into battle with such force and power that nothing will be able to hold him. Hitler does not appreciate America's might.  
(Editorial) (14)

Dec. 18: 4/2 - President Roosevelt asked Congress to authorize the conscription of men from 19 to 44 for military service. The President declared that we must create an army of at least 8,000,000 men. Congress should listen to him and obey him, because he knows what is best. If Congress had heeded his advice long ago we would have been better prepared. Congress must not oppose the President's demands. (Editorial) (8)

Dec. 18: 4/3,4 - Russia's role in the present war becomes more important from day to day. For several days the democracies have awaited Russia's declaration of her position. Recently her ambassador to Washington, Litvinoff, announced that Russia is on the side of the United States, but is unable to engage in open action on the Far Eastern front. However, effective resistance against the Nazis in eastern Europe is helpful to a great extent. Russia's position is similar to that of England. Because considerable aid was given to Russia, England cannot open a new front. Russia's attitude causes Japan to be careful. (Unsigned Column) (24)

Dec. 19: 7/5 - When Hitler took over one European country after the other, some Americans thought that war would never touch our shores. Now the situation has changed. We are not only at war, but in the same war. Hitler thought that if he pushed us into a war with Japan everything would be in a turmoil. However, the opposite has happened: America is united. A great army, navy, and air force is being organized. The Japs will not take the Philippines or the Hawaiian islands, and their dream of taking

San Francisco will never be realized. Vain are the hopes of the Japs and of Hitler. Hitler does not know the strength of America. She is not England. If Hitler could not conquer England, his efforts against America will be futile. Old legends predict that Hitler will meet his doom in 1943 and we, too, think it will be so. (Column by the Whistler) (19)

SLOVAK: Hlas

Dec. 11: 1/1-7 - The Japanese have attacked the United States and the whole world is now at war. The bloody war front was augmented by a new butcher, the yellow Japanese. America did not want war, but since Japan forced it on us, we will give her a lesson from which she will never recuperate. Japan will be punished like the gangster who terminates his activities in the electric chair. (Comment in news item) (54)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Dec. 13: 1/1 - How long will the war with Japan last? No one knows. However, we can judge that this war will not end soon and it will be some time before the United States tames the Japs, the reason being that it is a long way from here to the battlefield. There is no doubt that the Japs will be licked in the end. The barely-risen Japanese sun is starting to set. (Comment in news) (3)

Dec. 16: 2/1,2 - A carpenter cannot teach a shoemaker to sew shoes nor can the shoemaker instruct a carpenter how to hold a plane. The U. S. Congress is now wringing its hands because of Pearl Harbor. In our opinion it is best to leave the conduct of the war to our general staff, which is trained for the job.

Congress forgets that at the time of the Pearl Harbor disaster we were not at war with Japan. Suppose our bombers had been able to prevent the Japs from reaching Hawaii by bombing their ships. The commander who issued the order would have been crucified! His would have been the blame for starting a war with Japan. (Editorial) (24)

Dec. 18: 2/1,2 - The country feverishly hastens to prepare for the defense of civilians. We must be ready for every eventuality. We may be visited by enemy planes -- we may not. Never should we say, "Oh, well, nothing like that can happen to us." To work, make preparations for all eventualities. (Editorial) (30)

Dec. 19: 1/4 - The U. S. government will start to investigate who is to blame that the Japanese were able to attack Pearl Harbor. Such investigations are too late -- such investigations should be made before the damage is done. Thousands of names of suspicious persons were given by the Dies committee to the department of justice. No use to ring the bell after the damage is done! (Comment in news) (4)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Dec. 9: 2/1,2 - Japan has done that which seemed almost impossible: she

has attacked the United States and Great Britain. This attack is an act of despair brought on by the critical situation in which Japan finds herself, because she was checked in the Chinese war and because of the embargo on vital necessities imposed on her by the United States.

Japan's participation in the war is not the direct result of her alliance with the axis, although German agents did all they could to convince the Japanese government that America and England could not defeat the axis. In spite of all the German pressure, Japan's action is the result of a desperate economic situation in Japan.

Weeks ago, while the Japanese embassy led the American government by the nose with talks and discussions, the Japanese navy started hurriedly to prepare for a surprise attack. (Editorial) (34)

Dec. 18: 1/4,5 - Buy defense bonds and stamps! Santa Claus, too, can help national defense! This poster reminds all Americans that they can help the defense program by adding to their Christmas gifts, defense bonds or stamps.

Do your duty and help democracy and liberty to victory! (Poster showing Santa Claus and defense stamps and bonds) (14)

#### ARMY SERVICE AND ARMY MORALE

##### POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Dec. 1: 5/7 - America is not experiencing as much difficulty in the preparation of her army today as she did during World War I. At that time the draftees were taken from a life of ease into the hardships of fields and forests without adequate housing and other equipment. Many of the men contracted influenza and died. Thousands at that time also suffered from venereal diseases due either to ignorance or foolishness. Today the situation is changed. First of all, the men were sent into adequate quarters with the proper medical care. Moreover, the medical world has made much progress during the past 25 years and greater safeguards for health are in effect. In addition the public has provided funds for recreation. Today the men of our army are well taken care of in every respect.

I am happy to say this and will tell the mothers that their sons are safer in the army than at home. (Column by the Whistler) (21)

Dec. 4: 4/1,2 - We are gratified by the reports being received from the various military training centers in America, indicating that our soldiers are healthier and more content in the country's military service than ever before; that they like the food and the treatment they receive, and that they do not long for civilian life or pine for home and parents. On the contrary our boys are anxious to go to war. It is pleasant to note that they are becoming inured to hardship.

If this situation continues America will soon have a first-class army ready for battle and prepared to proceed to any part of the world. Not long ago we complained about our youth trying to avoid military service. Today the desire to avoid such service is vanishing and will vanish more as time passes. (Editorial) (18)

## THE BATTLE OF THE PACIFIC

### GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Dec. 17: 2/1,2 - It has often been proved that the Pacific ocean does not deserve its name. Now it appears as if this ocean will again be the scene of furious battles. On one side will be the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and the Dutch East Indies. On the other side is Japan. Exact figures as to the naval strength of these countries are not available, but according to the United States News, America, Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies combined, are able to go into the Pacific battle with 345 warships, totaling 1,501,000 tons. Japan has approximately 274 men-of-war, totaling 1,131,000 tons.

The Japanese have indeed a mighty battle fleet. However, the Allied fleet is far superior in every respect, although because of events in the last few days, the odds seem to be slightly in favor of the Japanese. The British fleet again has proved its traditional valor and ability. Proudly and with confidence the American people realize that their sailors possess discipline and spirit, that they are led by competent officers who are second to none in experience and character. (Editorial) (15)

Dec. 18: 2/1,2 - Spokesmen of the Chinese government have often asserted that the Japanese resorted to poison gas whenever Chinese attacks became too menacing. Not much attention was paid to these reports, because there were no eye witnesses. Now, however, Miss Betty Graham, a member of the American colony in Chungking, confirms these reports. According to Miss Graham, these cruel tactics were used by the Japanese in the battle over the city of Ichang. She has witnessed the agonies of the victims and has photographs to substantiate her statements. One can easily imagine the havoc that would be caused if American, British, and perhaps Russian air craft would start a gas attack on the densely-populated Japanese cities. And if, in final desperation, one side or the other should resort to gas in the European war, one could visualize how the world would look after the conclusion of the hostilities. It may be a repetition of the devastation of the Thirty Years' war. (Editorial) (18)

### JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Dec. 15: 4/1,2 - The Japanese, noted for their fanaticism and self-sacrifice in war, accomplished some daring stunts on the Pacific islands but wars are not won by stunts. Although the little Japs landed by parachutes at some points on the Malayan peninsula and at Manila they were slaughtered like mice. They inflicted some damage but they could hold no positions. War is never one-sided. The Japs sunk some American and British ships; Japanese ships were sunk by Americans and Britons. A

Canadian army is resisting stubbornly in Hong Kong; Hindu, English, and Australian soldiers are holding their own at Singapore. In the Dutch East Indies well-trained soldiers are on guard. Japan perhaps was happy over her victory attained by perfidy the first day, but her happiness was only temporary. America and England will be heard from in this war. (Editorial) (19)

Dec. 15: 4/3-8 - It seems that the Philippine Islands will have to bear the brunt of the current war in the Pacific. The large number of victims there indicates that the Japanese military clique decided to remove the islands from American domination. Whether Japan will actually be able to grab them is another question; still another question is whether Japan will be able to maintain her present position when the three Fascist countries will have to pay for their crimes.

The Filipinos some time ago demanded their independence, which according to the decision of the U. S. Congress will be granted to them in 1946. Quite naturally, America will demand some rights for herself, such as, the control of some strategic bases. Some Filipinos would like to remain under a U. S. protectorate because they are afraid they may fall prey to some other power like, for instance, Japan, which for the past 20 years has been longing to control them. That our latter statement is true can be seen by the fact that hardly had the war begun when Jap soldiers attacked the Philippines and landed at some points on the islands. (Article by N. Kravitz) (53)

Dec. 15: 5/1-5 - In America when we want to give a name to the average individual we call him John Smith -- in Japan he is Moto. By Moto we mean admirals, industrialists, conservative statesmen, and the masses of people fearing the war with the United States, realizing that the outcome must be catastrophic. The militaristic clique in that country is the only portion of the population which, under the influence of the German embassy in Tokyo, desires such a dangerous step. James R. Young, who spent 13 years in Japan, tells in the American Mercury that the Japanese military clique and its justice department are under Nazi control. Eugene Ott, Hitler's ambassador to Tokyo, has at his disposal 3,000 economic, cultural, and military agents who did not leave a stone unmoved to involve Japan in a war with the United States. Moto, as we call all nonmilitarists, knows only too well that the war with America means the complete destruction of Japan. Moto realizes that Japan cannot defend herself against an intensive air attack, cannot survive a blockade, cannot fight an economic war, and cannot manufacture ammunition for a long war in sufficient quantities. Moto considered America as the strong man from whom Japan stole Edison's patent for the manufacture of electrical supplies. He knows that Japan imitates Ford in the manufacture of automobiles and he did not like to get into trouble with the giant, but he was forced into it. Moto fears the outcome of this war. (Article by I. L. Wicker) (55)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Dec. 17: 2/1,2 - The outcome of the war in the Far East depends greatly upon what Russia does. If she would attack the Japs she would save the Allies much difficulty and many human victims would be spared. The axis

cannot be crushed until all the Allies step unitedly forward on all fronts. Stalin stated that he would not make a separate peace but he did not indicate in any way that he intends to give the Allies military co-operation. We only know Russia wants to chase Hitler's army from Russian soil. (Editorial) (20)

## THE PRELUDE TO WAR

### CZECH: Svet-American

Nov. 28: 1/4 - The U. S. government demands that Japan withdraw from her alliance with Germany and Italy and that she abandon her war with China. It is apparent that Japan does not wish to become involved in a war with America and that the cessation of iron and oil shipments from America has seriously affected her war machine. But the Japanese imperialists want to drag their country into a war with America although they know that the Japanese navy is not equal to our country's fleet. (Comment in news item) (16)

### GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Nov. 29: 2/1,2 - The negotiations between Secretary of State Hull and Special Japanese Envoy Kurusu have apparently come to an end. Japan cannot expect the United States to willingly agree to her unmeritorious demands in the Far East since they include too much that is politically, economically, militarily, and commercially unfair to all the interested countries. One cannot but suspect that the Japanese are just stalling in order to gain time while waiting for the result of the Russo-German conflict. It is likely that axis influence is responsible for Japan's "rash" attitude. But how far she will carry her threats is another matter. Sympathy for the axis or the United States plays absolutely no part in their plans. It is used only as a means toward the Japanese goal and will be discarded when it has served its purpose. (Editorial) (20)

### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Dec. 5: 1/4,5 - The bombardment of the Burma Road by Japan would not necessarily reveal the course selected by that nation, but an invasion of Thailand would show a decision on the part of Japan to strike on her own account with full knowledge that such a move would bring war to the Pacific. (Comment in news) (11)

### SLOVAK: Hlas

Dec. 4: 1/4,5 - Secretary of State Hull has supplied Japan with a pill accompanied by instructions as to how to take it. The Japanese got themselves into a very narrow alley from which they will not be able to flee very easily. (Comment in news) (15)

## THE RUSSIAN FRONT

### CZECH: Svet-American

Dec. 6: 2/1,2 - No one dares to predict how the Russian counter-offensive against Germany and her conspirators will end. The attack on Russia brought many unexpected surprises. Nobody expected Russia capable of putting up such resistance to the German blitzkrieg. The Germans announced several times that the Red army had been annihilated; that the Russian air force ceased to be a factor; and that the Red navy had disappeared from the Baltic sea.

Napoleon declared Russia to be such a colossal mass that in the end she would destroy everybody. The outcome of this battle depends on whether Russia will be able to replace her losses of war materials. Great Britain and the United States have promised to help her and if they fulfil their promise, Hitler will find his grave there the same as did Napoleon. (Editorial)

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### GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Nov. 28: 2/1,2 - Though Russia has suffered serious setbacks still her resistance is effective. True, she may yet be defeated but Germany has grossly miscalculated her fighting power. How is all this possible when German generals heretofore have been able to carry out their plans on every battlefield almost to the last detail? The reason for the miscalculation must be traced back to the events before the beginning of the present war. The first mathematical error was made by Charles A. Lindbergh after his inspection tour of Russian airports. His report stated that the Russian air force was not worth mentioning and that Germany's air power on the other hand was so superior to the Russian and British forces that a defeat of both countries would be a question of only a short time. Russia's attack on Finland did by no means cover her with glory. On the contrary, the mighty Russia had her hands full to defeat that small country, proving that the Russian army also left much to be desired. The military authorities of all nations agreed that if Russia became involved in a war with Germany she would be defeated quickly. Now, after five months of fighting, Russia is still holding her own, and despite great losses she is offering strong resistance. This has given England a much needed breathing spell as well as having increased the difficulties of an invasion. Everyone, not only Germans, believed that the White Russians would rise against the Bolshevik government; just the opposite has happened. It always has been said of the German that in army matters as in other matters, they are very precise and methodical. True enough, but even the most perfected plans are bound to fail sometimes. There are eventualities which cannot be foreseen despite the exertion of the greatest

thoroughness. The case with Russia seems to prove this beyond a doubt.  
(Editorial) (20)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Dec. 15: 2/1,2 - Now it is neither a wishful dream nor a speculation that the Nazi dictator's invincible army failed in Russia. Hitler progressed backward. First he announced that the Russians were beaten and that there is no organized resistance. Then he asserted that the Russian resistance was only temporary and that the mopping up was in progress. Lastly he had to admit that he cannot start his offensive until next summer.

The beginning of the end is here. (Editorial) (16)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Nov. 25: 4/3-8 - Since Hitler knew that England was not in a position to make an invasion of the European continent, he decided to use his might in Russia. His strategy was to destroy the Russian army as soon as possible, capture and destroy the resources of the Russians, and then give Germany peace for several years to recuperate. Germany has lost many men and much equipment. Another six months of such "successes" will tax German war production to such a degree that Germans will not be able to breathe. But for the Germans the war is just beginning. England will give the German army a grand reception when it enters the Caucasus where the Germans will be compelled to fight, not only on the flat lands, but also in the mountains. In the Ukraine they found much mud and no highways, but in the Caucasus they will find it less comfortable.

If the Germans complained that the Russians fight like mad men, they will be greatly mistaken about the Turks, the Chechniks, and the Armenians. Nevertheless the German army must go on and on to its destruction, because it cannot go back; one step backward will mean disaster. How long will Turkey remain neutral and block the way for both England and Germany? That is the great question of the day. (Article by Vladimir Grossman)(58)

Nov. 27: 4/3-8 - The Nazis hope to deal a moral blow to Russia by the capture of Moscow. They want to depress the Red army's spirit and realize that by invading the Soviet capital, the accomplishment would not decide the outcome of the war. The Moscow area can not be considered the principal front. The battle for life or death is being fought in southern Russia where Hitler aims to reach the Caucasian oil wells -- the key to victory. On this front everything is at stake. Even if the Nazis take hundreds of additional cities and thousands of villages, as long as they cannot reach the Caucasus they might as well consider themselves defeated. Hitler knows that he is great only as long as his mechanized equipment can be supplied with fuel; the moment it has to be stopped because of the lack of it, if only for a day, the Nazi armies will have to retreat. Russia's vast territory, with England's aid, will frustrate Hitler's plans of fighting a winter campaign in the warm Crimea as well as in the Caucasus, but America must not forget her obligations. After the neutrality law is modified, this country must prove that she is sincere and honest. The hour for extending aid quickly has arrived; if given too late, it may be

of no value. We hope that America will send all possible aid in time to be effective. (Article by M. Ginsburg) (56)

Dec. 5: 4/1,2 - The Nazi explanation for the German army's retreat on the Rostov front is very interesting. First, they said that they withdrew from Rostov in order to punish the city's civilian population for violating international law by engaging in guerilla warfare. This already sounded like a good lie, because in order to take brutal measures against the population the Nazis never had to withdraw their armies. Recently we received another explanation which, although characteristic of the Nazis, sounds very foolish. The latest explanation: Russian troops are plain crazy for chasing the Nazis; the Russian army has been annihilated a long time ago, so why continue fighting? We should remember that the Nazis said the same thing about England after Dunkirk. Then too, they said that the English do not realize that they have been defeated. Yes, the victims annihilated by the Nazis do not feel like perishing. They have a great task to do -- to annihilate the Nazis. (Editorial) (22)

Dec. 9: 4/1,2 - The statement of President Roosevelt that Turkey will get arms and ammunition from America through the lend-lease program is of great importance. It proves that Washington no longer has any doubt that Turkey has decided to be on the side of the Allies. Without such an understanding America would not supply Turkey with any arms on Uncle Sam's account. The war tide recently changed in favor of the Allies and it proved to Turkey that Hitler cannot win. (Editorial) (20)

Dec. 17: 4/1,2 - The announcement of Soviet leaders that Russia will not negotiate peace terms with Germany without England and America should be received with satisfaction and confidence. Russian heroism has been admired by the world. Russia spared us many sacrifices in her stubborn fight against the Nazis and her heroism should result in greater confidence being placed in the Russian people. Any rumors regarding a Russian betrayal should be branded as lies. (Editorial) (15)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Nov. 20: 2/1 - The temporary peace on the northern and central Russian fronts did not last long. When the Germans stopped attacking Moscow and Leningrad, the Russians counter-attacked, inflicting terrific losses on the Nazis. Once more it has been proved that an attack is the best means of defense, especially if unexpected. The Soviet counter-attacks, though only local in character, upset the plans of the Nazis who had intended to transfer most of their forces to the southern sector, but who will now probably have to keep their troops on the old fronts. History shall repeat itself: The Germans will again be defeated; but there will be no second Versailles and the recidivists won't receive merciful treatment. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (21)

Nov. 25: 5/7 - The Italian macaroni eaters are groaning because they were sent into Russia. The Germans, instead of using them in the Crimea where it is fairly warm, are using them in the siege of Moscow where the temperature already is 22 degrees below zero. They are freezing now, but what

will happen when the real Russian winter sets in? On the other hand, the Soviets are using hardy Siberian troops who are used to the cold and snow. The Germans, too, find it unpleasant although they can stand the cold much better. They want to take Moscow in a hurry so that they can spend the winter in the city rather than in the trenches. It is not a happy situation and no change is in sight. (Column by the Whistler) (19)

Dec. 4: 4/1 - For the first time in this war the Germans have admitted that they were forced to retreat. They were forced to leave Rostov and flee for their lives. The repulsion of the Nazis at this point is important. The myth of German invincibility is dispelled like smoke. Despite their desperate efforts, the Nazis did not make any marked progress in recent weeks.

The German reverses in Russia and in Libya give confidence and encouragement to the allies while having a discouraging influence on both the German army and the German people. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (23)

Dec. 12: 4/4 - Hitler has announced that German losses on the Russian front are 162,314 killed, 377,767 wounded, and 33,334 prisoners. It is rather curious that he did not explain why his troops are being forced to retreat, if his losses have been so small, and why Russia with her enormous losses is still able to repel the Germans and keep them on the run. Somehow, Hitler's reports do not sound very convincing. (Unsigned Column) (7)

#### SLOVAK: Hlas

Dec. 4: 1/1,2 - Apparently, in an attempt to appease the German people, a communique from Berlin says: We have left Rostov of our own accord in order to strike the Russians a harder blow. We have captured an enormous number of Russians.

What impudence and stupidity on the part of the German high command, to feed the people such tales. (Comment in news) (16)

#### SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Nov. 25: 2/1,2 - The month of November will be designated as the breaking point by the historians who will write about the German-Russian war, not so much from a military viewpoint as from a psychological point of view, because it will have been during this month that the Russian winter's fury slapped the German army's face. Now the Nazis can see what it means to battle not only the Russian army but also the enemy's cold, cold, wide-open land. Winter, the great Russian ally, on which in his time Napoleon didn't figure, will strike Hitler and his army just as it struck Napoleon. (Editorial) (18)

Dec. 6: 1/1 - If things begin to spin too hard with Russia, we can expect to hear talk of a separate peace with Germany; not so much that peace would really be made, but to spur England and the United States on to speedier and greater help. (Comment in news) (2)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Nov. 21: 2/1,2 - The situation on the Russian front has reached a critical stage; the attacking power is weaker and the initiative is beginning to pass from one side to the other.

The critical area is at Moscow. It does not matter how far Germany reaches into Leningrad or into the Caucasus, she cannot throw Russia out of the war unless the Russian armies around Moscow are destroyed. One thing is certain, the Germans can not remain where they are because of the severe Russian winter. These important facts are forcing the Germans to start another offensive on Moscow and Leningrad. Willingly or unwillingly, they have proved that they cannot take the risk of standing still. (Editorial) (15)

Nov. 25: 2/1-4 - In his proclamation to the German people to co-operate in the "winter aid" campaign, Hitler said that at the northern front the German army is fighting wild animals. This acknowledgment from Hitler tells more than all the other German reports. Up to now, the Germans have had to deal only with rabbits, lambs, and occasionally with lions which had their claws cut on German lies. War with them was play. The German wolf has now encountered a "wild animal," says Hitler. He has come upon the Russian bear which is somehow clumsy, but big and strong. (Editorial) (5)

Nov. 26: 2/1,2 - During the current war of surprises the battle in Russia has been most surprising; the finale up to now remains a mystery. It doesn't matter how it ends. The fact is, that Russia saved England from a German invasion and perhaps from being defeated as well. It was Russia who made it possible for Great Britain to gain the valuable time during which, with American help, she can prepare for the final battle in 1942. Russian destruction of German war material is tremendous. The world should be thankful to Russia for what she is doing today. (Editorial)(28)

A MOUSE WAS BORN

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Dec. 17: 1/4 - Up until now we were absolutely convinced that the Allies would win. When we speak of the Allies we mean the United States, England and Russia. Now that Croatia has declared war on the United States and England we have completely despaired. Our Croatians have a very fitting saying for this: It thundered loudly, the mountain shook, and a little mouse was born. (Comment in news)

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## THE LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

### GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Nov. 24: 2/1,2 - Although the British general staff did not fulfil the Kremlin's hope of opening a second European front, England nevertheless struck hard in northern Africa. Her forces, equipped with American tanks and airplanes, have succeeded in repulsing axis troops on the Egyptian-Libyan front. This renewed military activity in the Mediterranean is of great importance as it chiefly concerns the weaker axis partner, Italy. A subversive current has been noticed in that country for some time which condemns the pact with Hitler and would welcome a reconciliation with England. A successful British offensive against Cyrenaica and Tripoli would have an enormous effect on the French African colonies. Maxime Weygand, commander-in-chief and pro-consul, has so far resisted the British and German pressure and through strict neutrality was able to preserve the military power of French Africa even after the defeat of the motherland. It is therefore not a coincidence that Petain, yielding to Hitler's pressure, had to relieve Weygand of his services just at the time the British launched their offensive. It is of the utmost importance what political forces gain the upper hand between Tunis and Dakar, not only in the struggle for the Mediterranean but for the battle of the Atlantic as well. Small wonder then that our state department is showing such a keen interest in French Africa and is weighing an embargo against northern Africa as well as against unoccupied France. (Editorial) (12)

### HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Nov. 29: 2/1,2 - The defenders of Tobruk broke out and contacted the British forces advancing from Egypt, thus starting a new chapter in the chronicles of desert warfare.

Who knows what is yet going to happen on the African battlefields? Who knows what dramatic surprises are yet to come from there? The new British offensive is under way, straight toward Tripoli. The first and most important task however is the destruction of the axis forces. (Editorial) (16)

Dec. 10: 2/4 - The Italians in Libya became so discouraged that the Nazis tried to calm their nerves by sending psychiatrists to them. There must be something wrong somewhere when the Nazi butchers, who up to now used only weapons of force, resort to psychiatrists. (Column by Jeno Lukacs) (3)

### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Nov. 28: 1/1-5 - Political and military circles anxiously await the result

of the duel to the last drop of blood being fought in the Libyan desert between English and Italian forces.

It is certain the English have seen their hopes of a decisive victory vanish, whereas the axis forces report undeniable successes in various sections. Very significant is the fact that the high commands recognize the uncertainty of military operations. (Unsigned article) (27)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Nov. 39: 4/7; 5/3,4 - England could have waited with the Libyan offensive until Hitler's armies reached the Caucasus and began menacing the Near East. Then the British armies in Egypt could have opened a new African front to protect the empire against Hitler's further ambitions while Gen. Wavell's army from India could have prevented the enemy's army from reaching Iran. The latest developments in Vichy, however, where Weygand had to "resign" his post as commander of the French land and naval forces in Africa and the probability of the Vichy government surrendering its African bases to the Germans, forced the English imperial forces to act immediately. Though the purpose of the new British offensive is to protect the empire against Berlin-Vichy conspiracies, it will also indirectly weaken the power of Hitler's luftwaffe on the Russian front, and such a fact under the present circumstances must be considered as some relief for the Soviet fighters, because the Nazi barbarians will be compelled to divide their air pirates between two war zones and make them shiver because of frost on one front and suffer from heat on the other. (Article by Dr. A. Margolin) (53)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Nov. 24: 2/4 - The English offensive in Libya was a surprise to everyone, especially to the Germans who were preparing to attack Egypt. The English outmaneuvered them and struck first. The old Napoleonic theory, that he who strikes first assumes superiority, is again proved correct. At least, the first attacks brought good results. (Unsigned Column) (b)

Nov. 25: 2/1 - England has been preparing to launch an offensive for a long time. It has been suspected that she would start a campaign either in Libya or in the Caucasus. After massing 750,000 soldiers, and many planes and tanks mostly of American make, the British started their offensive on land, on the sea, and in the air. The campaign not only constitutes help to Russia, but it directly helps to clear north African shores of Germans and Italians, thereby opening a route to Russia by way of the Mediterranean sea and making an attack on Italy less difficult in the future. The threat to Italy may induce her to quit the axis. The British offensive, if successful, will also cross up Petain's plan of further co-operation with Hitler. We will watch the course of this venture with interest. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (24)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Nov. 24: 2/1,2 - We recently published several statements made by military

experts who predicted the dispatch to Africa of the U. S. navy and perhaps of an army expeditionary force as well. They forecast that the next war front would be in Africa while everyone's attention was turned to the Russian front. Despite the fact that all those who have been fighting, directly or indirectly, were hoping that Hitler would be defeated and that England would open another front, everyone expected that this front would develop somewhere in western Europe. Today's developments prove that during this time England was preparing for a new war front in Africa. We do not know why in Africa, but we are sure that she has a good reason.

The question now is: Will the English and the African armies alone be able to clean the German and the Italian troops out of western Africa, or will a U. S. expeditionary force go there to help them? In the coming winter the main war front will be in the Mediterranean. Washington alone knows whether or not America will take part in this action. (Editorial)

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#### SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Nov. 25: 2/1,2 - The English army in Libya is much stronger than the German-Italian army there. Private and military opinion in Washington seems to be that the aim is, to destroy the Nazi-Fascist armies in the Libyan area and then turn to the Caucasus. Military leaders seldom divulge their plans. If the present victorious English army would head towards Tunisia and Italy, attacking the Germans and the Italians there, the action would result in the beginning of the end of this war. (Editorial)

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#### A MINORITY PROBLEM

##### JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Nov. 28: 4/1,2 - The report from Georgia regarding a Jewish lawyer who made every effort to receive a parole for imprisoned Ku Klux Klan criminals and in addition boasted of admiring the Klan, arouses anger and disgust. The lawyer disgraced his people and caused Christian clergymen to express their surprise at his acts. We must remember that this is not a case where defendants are on trial and where it is the duty of their lawyer to defend them regardless of whether the defendants are his personal friends or enemies. This is a case where the defendants were found guilty by a jury and sentenced for one of the most scandalous crimes -- flogging -- and therefore it must be viewed differently. An appeal to parole such outcasts is in itself an ugly act -- but it is doubly to be condemned if that move is made by a Jew.

The disgrace lies in the fact that other peoples will assume that as there are Jews who are ready to kiss the rod with which they are getting whipped, all Jews do not deserve decent treatment. (Editorial)(17)

## THE IMMIGRANT AND THE WAR

### CZECH: Svet-American

Dec. 10: 3/4 - We are thankful to God that in this critical time he gave us you as our leader in the struggle for victory over the oppressors of mankind. We assure you that our people will prove their unshaken loyalty to the American flag. We will sacrifice everything for victory of the just cause. (Telegram to President Roosevelt by the National Alliance of Czech Catholics) (6)

Dec. 12: 6/5 - We pledge our full support to you in this hour of emergency. We are confident that you, as our leader, will lead us to final victory. (Letter to President Roosevelt by Thomas G. Masaryk branch of the Czech National Alliance) (5)

Dec. 13: 3/2 - During this crucial period in American history we are rejoicing again that we have an enlightened, far-seeing, and democratic leader who has saved America from humiliation and disaster. This feeling leads us to reiterate most emphatically our loyalty and devotion to the cause you have defended so nobly and effectively. We shudder when we think what would have happened had we not had you and your able cabinet in this world crisis. We regret, too, that America was deaf in 1937 when you sounded the first warning against international gangsters. For although it is a Japanese hand that attacked us, that hand is guided by Hitler and his associates in crime. How eminently right you have been and how wrong were those who opposed your foreign policy. It was Providence that made you our President. History will record you as the savior of the American cause, which is also the cause of a happier and better world. We admire and thank you. We pledge everything we have and are to the service of our country. (Telegram to President Roosevelt by the Czechoslovak National Council of America) (9)

Dec. 13: 8/1 - The Waechter und Anzeiger and L'Araldo are opposed to Hitler's axis. Hitler and Mussolini were mistaken when they expected strong support from local Germans and Italians who were supposed to follow Lindbergh, Wheeler, Taft, and Hoover and waylay America at home. The fifth column disappeared overnight, and if any local Fascists dare to become active, they also will be exterminated. (Comment in news item) (14)

Dec. 13: 8/1 - It is necessary for all patriotic Czechs and Slovaks to do their duty toward their homeland and America, especially since a handful of renegade Slovaks, governed by Hlinka's spirit and Tiso, declared war on America. Let us hope that the American Slovaks will give the Bratislava gangsters an energetic reply. (Comment in news item) (14)

Dec. 16: 6/5 - Twenty suspicious aliens are in the county jail. After their cases are disposed of they will be transferred to a concentration camp in Arkansas wherein is enough space for many thousands of brutes who do not understand the difference between democracy and Hitler's and Mussolini's brutal barbarism. (Comment in news item) (12)

Dec. 17: 3/7 - The Furdek district of the First Catholic Slovak Union at its meeting in Hotel Cleveland adopted a resolution which pledges full support of President Roosevelt's foreign policy. Several branches of the union in the district have also bought several thousand dollars worth of defense bonds. This is an answer to Tiso's criminal government in Bratislava which declared war on the United States. (Comment in news item) (4)

Dec. 18: 2/1,2 - There is no doubt that the American nation is united. It was proved when the Senate unanimously declared war on Japan, and when in the House only Jeannette Rankin voted against it.

This is real Americanism. We must continue to stand with the government to achieve a quick and complete victory. (Editorial reprinted from the Denni Hlasatel, Chicago) (22)

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Dec. 8: 2/1,2 - The United States is at war! She has been treacherously attacked in the midst of peace and without warning. In this critical hour, only one thing is important to every American: loyalty and faithfulness to his duty. Everyone should stand behind his government and support the army and the navy to the best of his ability. Americans of German descent have always done their share and sealed their loyalty to the United States on every battlefield with their blood and their lives; they will prove again that their patriotism is second to none. There is no doubt that the Americans of German extraction are Americans, and Americans only. They will fulfil their obligations honorably and loyally toward the land of their choice. (Editorial) (6)

Dec. 10: 2/1,2 - The attack on the American possessions in the Pacific while peace negotiations between the United States and Japan were still in progress, and the subsequent declaration of war, has united the people of this country as never before. The cautious attitude of the axis powers had prevented the Congress from approving a declaration of war, but Japan's treachery has accomplished what Berlin apparently tried to prevent. Japan's action has put the German Americans in a difficult position and we are advising our readers, as well as the entire local German populace, to use discretion. There were very few serious incidents here in 1917 and 1918 and after the armistice it was established that not a single German family, nor German businessman, nor German worker had fallen victim to thoughtless actions or speech. However war is war, even in America; people are apt to become filled with hatred and questionable characters may agitate against innocent citizens. Freedom of speech also will be restricted during the war, as well as freedom of the press, and it is up to us to avert trouble.

America is the future of our children. She has accepted us and offered

us countless opportunities, including the right to call ourselves American citizens. As in former years we will not fail to do our duty, thus making easier to bear this difficult time, which will be much more serious than that of 1917 and 1918. (Editorial) (13)

Dec. 10: 3/4,5 - An article in the Christian Science Monitor should be of special interest to the readers of the German newspapers. It represents a friendly report by Erwin D. Canham on the German-language newspapers. The article, titled with the homey greeting, Auf Wiedersehen, refers to the first World War days when the hatred against everything German was transferred even to the dachshund because it was German bred; Bismarck pancakes were called "liberty doughnuts," and sauerkraut was called "liberty cabbage." But doing so did not change the taste. It is regrettable to observe the steadily growing difficulties during the past few years, particularly the disappearance of German-language newspapers in the United States, due chiefly to restricted immigration. E. Kern, former editor of the Portland, Oregon, Nachrichten, stated that the new campaign of hatred against Germany has made it impossible to continue publication. We do not like to believe Mr. Kern's statement and America should disprove it. Hatred of Germany and German institutions can only be destructive. We may abhor Nazi principles and practices, we may regret the causes of aggression in German history and character, but at the same time we can continue to appreciate and retain the fine aspects of German culture. Many of these must be preserved at a time like this -- beyond Germany. Now is the time for German Americans to seize this opportunity. (Editorial) (15)

Dec. 12: 2/1,2 - Our platform: Absolute loyalty to the American Constitution, American ideals and principles. Continued and consistent effort to inculcate that spirit in the mind and heart of every citizen of German extraction. Strict obedience to American laws and customs. (English) (3)  
(Note: This platform is published daily under the masthead.)

Dec. 12: 2/1,2 - America, our country, has been attacked. America is at war. Never in the history of this country have the German Americans been found wanting in the hour of need. They will not be found wanting now. The German Americans will do their duty. Our country is at war. Our country must win! (English) (3)

Dec. 12: 2/1,2 - Hitler and Mussolini have declared war on the United States. For German Americans, as well as for all other citizens of this country, there is only one course to follow. As in other wars, the government can depend upon the undivided loyalty and co-operation of German Americans, no matter who the enemy is. Every naturalized citizen promised under oath to protect the country of his choice with his life if necessary. The German Americans will not fail to fulfil this sacred duty, even though it means fighting against their old homeland. There is no alternative and neither blood ties nor family relations can change this. He who believes in democracy knows that the fight is not against the German people but against their leaders. With quiet deliberation the German Americans will do their share to bring the conflict to a speedy and victorious end for the liberation of all mankind. All Americans will have to make sacrifices. Warfare costs money, so let us buy defense bonds. War also calls for

man-power. The sons of German families will fill the ranks and we back home will gladly co-operate with the government to strengthen the front. May we soon have a lasting peace. (Editorial) (11)

Dec. 12: 2/1-4 - The author of this article only repeats what he emphasized years ago, even before Hitler's ascendancy to power -- Germany will lose this war too. His article may serve to remove all suspicion and general confusion in these perilous times. An almost exact prediction of the present conditions in the entire world by a fatherly theologian induced the writer to refrain from expressing political or spiritual prejudice. He predicted as early as 1919 that the Versailles treaty would provoke another world war, that the League of Nations would cease to exist, and that a depression would follow from which nobody could escape unscathed; that an agitator would rise in Germany who would gather a great following, many of whom would elevate him above Christ; and that he would lead Germany into war and regain all of what was lost by the Versailles treaty, and more. He also predicted that even though the Germans should take Paris and victory might seem within their grasp, they nevertheless would lose the war again. Never during the last 20 years has the author attempted to contradict these prophecies. Thus developments in Germany under Hitler only produced anxiety, and the Waechter und Anzeiger has repeatedly warned of the follies of the German American Volksbund and has steadily denounced the racial prejudice in Germany. This newspaper has always tried to work in harmony with other nationality groups. The existence of such a friendly relationship was plainly demonstrated by the Yidishe Welt, which printed our paper recently while we were in the process of moving to other quarters. That was only one example of the true American spirit. In these serious times, everyone needs some solid backing, and this backing can be found in the Christian principles which form the basis of true democracy. Peace and order can be built only on Christian principles. Whoever assumes this attitude is at the same time a good American, and we all want to be just that. (Editorial by Prosper Schoeb) (34)

Dec. 16: 1/3-5 - This newspaper has repeatedly emphasized that in the present war the German Americans will again do their patriotic duty. Indeed, a spirit of loyalty and genuine devotion has thoroughly enveloped them and they will not hesitate to make sacrifices in order to preserve liberty for themselves and for their children. Today we are able to prove this fact. The members of the Swabian Singing Society have unanimously decided to invest \$3,000 in defense bonds and to donate \$100 to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Besides, every member has pledged to buy one or more defense bonds. Americans of German descent refuse to be excelled in their patriotism by anybody. (6)

Dec. 16: 2/1,2 - There is only one watchword for every citizen: chin up, no complaints, and do your duty without ado. We had all hoped that this country would be spared from becoming involved in the war. There were bitter controversies on what course to take. But the raining of Japanese bombs on Hawaii put a sudden end to the disputes. Hitler and Mussolini have now declared war on the United States and our position is clear. There exists only one aim today, to win the war. To reach our goal a united American nation is willing to dedicate its life, property, and sacred honor. There can be no ifs or buts. We recognize no distinction

between the newcomer and the Mayflower descendant. On the first casualty list from Hawaii are names of all nationalities. They all died for their country -- for OUR country! One shirker may do more harm than 100 soldiers may be able to rectify. Total war demands total effort. Every service, no matter how trivial, helps to win the war. Every man, woman, and child must put his or her shoulder to the wheel. Temporarily matters may not run as smoothly as in the totalitarian countries, but America will prove -- and very soon -- that the combined force of 130,000,000 people is able to move mountains. (Editorial) (15)

Dec. 19: 2/1-7 - There will be no blackout for the Waechter und Anzeiger. On the contrary, an increased effort will be made to unite all the German Americans into one great fighting group for the protection of American democracy and American ideals. One hundred fifty years ago the world was a simple place. Our forefathers, who were simple people, came to America seeking independence and freedom from oppression. They got together and on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. Since then the world has undergone great changes. Dictatorships, bigotry, and taxation without representation is threatened as the rule. Independence for millions of people is just a word without meaning, but not in America. Today, 165 years after its signing, the Declaration of Independence is being reaffirmed in the hearts of 130,000,000 of us. We live in a mighty, independent, and indivisible nation where there is liberty and justice for all. That these principles always shall be irrevocable is the determined purpose of the Waechter und Anzeiger. America is at war! Never in the history of this great country have German Americans been found wanting in their country's hour of need. They will not fail now. They will all do their duty. America must win! The Waechter und Anzeiger urges absolute loyalty to the Constitution, to American ideals and principles, as well as strict obedience to American laws and customs. (Sketch of torch of liberty held above printing press, 76) (147)

#### HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Dec. 10: 2/12 - We, who since 1933, undauntedly and without a moment of hesitation followed the wise foreign policy of our great President and supported his national defense program, direct a final word to those whose every contrary view has now been completely discredited by the recent dramatic events. It is the last word because we must now also extend our hand to them; we are all Americans; the time of dissension has passed; we must work in 100-per-cent harmony and must sacrifice even our blood and our lives for our beloved country -- the United States. The past is a closed chapter. The bloodstained hands of the axis monsters closed it. Now: forward together like brethren, under the Star Spangled Banner behind Franklin Delano Roosevelt! (Editorial) (16)

Dec. 10: 3/5-7 - More than a year ago we announced that we anticipated celebrating a "Kossuth year" in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the landing of our father Kossuth in America. The fact that we possess the Bill of Rights and that such a world celebrity as Louis Kossuth made the people of the United States acquainted with the liberty-loving people of Hungary is worthy of a celebration.

It is an old, but true, saying that a nation which does not appreciate its past does not deserve its future. With this axiom in mind we decided to hold our first celebration in New York, where our great Kossuth's feet first stepped on the free ground of the land of the brave.

It is true that we live in difficult times and may look forward to even more difficult ones. Yet, if according to the poet the Hungarians were crying while making merry for 1,000 years, it is perhaps not a crime to make merry while crying on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the framing of the Bill of Rights and the 90th anniversary of the landing of the champion of liberty in America. (Photo of Kossuth, 24. Article by Gyorgy Borsi Kerekes) (42)

Dec. 11: 2/1,2 - Freedom of speech is not only a privilege but it involves obligations as well. Despite this responsibility, there are a few tipsy, unscrupulous scamps among us who do not write in this free country's interest but in the interest of her mortal enemies. Uncle Sam's hand will sooner or later reach these rakes who could have led the American Hungarians into a terrible abyss if the masses had proved less sober and less loyal to America than they have. If America would judge all American Hungarians by the squibs of these scamps, she would be inclined to believe that there is a dangerous fifth column under the cover of the citizenship papers of Hungarians. Fortunately the authorities know this is not so; they know that there are only a few wolves in sheep's clothing among us, and that they will not worm themselves into the confidence of the herd. The decent, loyal, and patriotic American Hungarian masses silently scorn them. (Editorial) (30)

Dec. 13: 5/2 - The United Hungarian Societies assured President Roosevelt of the loyalty of all Cleveland Hungarian associations in a telegram signed by the president and the secretary. (2)

Dec. 15: 2/1,2 - Hungary has declared war on the United States. Everybody knows that it was not the Hungarian people, who always admired free America, but the Nazi henchman, Bardossy and his subordinates, who declared war on us. Even if the Hungarian people had taken this step, we as loyal American citizens would do our duty to our country, the United States, under any circumstances. (Editorial) (16)

Dec. 17: 2/1,2 - President Roosevelt summarized with classical conciseness and eloquence our entire spiritual, national, and civic life in his Bill of Rights anniversary speech.

America, the same America which in 1776 established her independence and wrote a new decisive chapter in the history of the world, spoke. This America never did and never will lose a war. The fate of the brutal axis dictators and that of their ignoble accomplices was sealed on the day the people, the President, and the Congress of the United States declared that the world of slavery must be smashed, and a world of liberty, equality, fraternity, and peace created. (Editorial) (30)

Dec. 18: 1/6,7 - We, the members of the American Hungarian Federation, composed of American citizens of Hungarian extraction, took notice with painful consternation of the fact that the present government of Hungary considers itself at war with the United States as a consequence of the

Axis Powers' declaration of war. We assure you, Mr. President, that as American citizens we know our duties and will discharge them with heart and soul under your wise and prudent leadership. Our loyalty to the United States is not weakened by the fact that the present government of the Hungarian nation, which has been deprived of its independence and is obeying Nazi orders, made up its mind to undertake this step which is inconsistent with the feeling of the Hungarian people. As loyal citizens of the United States, we accept gladly any sacrifice and follow our commander-in-chief to final victory. (Telegram to President Roosevelt) (6)

Dec. 18: 2/6,7 - Now that we are in the war everybody is much calmer than they were days, months, or even years ago. We are in it and it would be of no use to argue about it.

The Japanese, the Germans, and the Italians cannot imagine what a great service they rendered us with the surprise Japanese attack and the subsequent axis declarations of war. They united a powerful nation, which was divided into several camps on the question of war, into one camp which has only one will -- the will to win in the end. (Column by Richard Lang)(16)

#### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Dec. 19: 1/1-5 - On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution of the United States. On Dec. 15, 1941, President Roosevelt made a solemn promise that we, having taken up arms in the defense of liberty, will not lay them down until we have assured liberty throughout the world. It is well that the President assured the people that the fundamental liberties of the American people will remain undisturbed, even during the war. These principles are the backbone of democracy, and in these times they must be more scrupulously defended, and more solemnly proclaimed, in order that America may be an example to other nations and other governments.

To win peace, war and victory are not sufficient. Above all is the necessity for inspiration to recognize the fundamental rights of nations as well as of individuals. Fortunately we can obtain this inspiration from the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Therefore, we have faith in the triumph of justice through the efforts of the United States of America. (Unsigned article) (39)

Dec. 19: 8/1,2 - Attorney General Francis Biddle reassured immigrants that there will be no unjust persecutions during the war.

This war is being fought for the defense of our institutions, and it is the duty of every citizen to respect and guard them zealously, and to share his benefits with aliens who were legally admitted to this country and who are worthy of remaining undisturbed because of their character and loyalty. It is a great comfort to feel that in the sacred shadow of the American flag we find the guardianship of those rights which guarantee liberty against tyrannical invasion. This feeling should establish in our minds and hearts the superiority of democracy to any other form of government.

The eyes of the world are turned toward the United States, whose intervention in this war aims not only toward military victory but also toward recognition of the fundamental rights of all nations. (Editorial) (22)

ITALIAN: La Voce del Popolo Italiano

Dec. 12: 1/1,2 - La Voce, an American newspaper published in Italian, pledges its whole support to the President of the United States. We consider it an honor to serve the United States of America, the greatest country in the world!

We express the view of thousands of Italians throughout the state of Ohio. They are proud of the part their fathers and their mothers have played in the development and progress of this country. We know their pride is so great that those of this generation shall ever be ready to safeguard this development and progress at any cost!

Be it known, therefore, that they are real AMERICANS, they have dedicated themselves to only one ism, and that is AMERICANISM; FIRST, LAST, and ALWAYS! They THINK AMERICAN, ACT AMERICAN, AND IF NEED BE, DIE AMERICAN! (Editorial. Cut of Capitol Building, 5) (11)

(Note: Since May 2, 1941, the title plate of La Voce has carried the words "THINK AMERICAN, ACT AMERICAN, AND IF NEED BE, DIE AMERICAN.")

Dec. 17: 1/7; 4/5-7 - As America prepares to enter its second week of war, provoked by the most brutal stab-in-the-back in the history of the world, Americans of Italian extraction throughout the land close their ranks and march as one with the martyrs of our country.

Today Italy for the first time in the long history of a beautiful friendship finds herself at war with the United States, against the wish of her people.

This background is well understood by the millions of Americans of Italian extraction. They are resolved that the entire axis must be destroyed if the culture of the Italy of old is to be restored. They know that after America wins this war she will not impose hardships on the Italian people themselves, for the Italians did not want this war. (Unsigned article in English) (28)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Dec. 11: 2/3 - The board of trustees of the Euclid Avenue Temple, on behalf of the Temple's 1,350 members, has adopted a resolution affirming its faith and trust in your leadership and offering to you its every service in the task before the nation. (Letter to President Roosevelt) (5)

Dec. 12: 4/4-7; 7/1-3 - The horrible war, a spectacle viewed by us from a distance before, suddenly came upon us with all its perils and consequences. Since last Sunday when the treacherous Japanese upon the instigation of their gangster Nazi partners attacked our territory in such a vile manner, every one of us, without any exception, became part of the enormous struggle which now involves the whole world. Needless to say, Jewish citizens, regardless of class or political affiliation, are ready to make the supreme sacrifice for their country which is now at war with the worst and most infamous enemies ever known to man. (Article by Notte Schoenfeld) (64)

Dec. 14: 5/1-5 - Chanukah (feast of dedication) is, no doubt, one of our

most beloved popular festivals. Regardless of the motives and the political pressure exerted upon the publishers of the Jewish Bible to ignore the literature regarding the heroic Chashmonuim, the significance of that festival cannot be ignored because during the past 2,107 years its memory has remained in the hearts of Jewish people as one of the most heroic moments in the long Jewish history. It reminds us of the fact that we also were once a nation, that we conducted a normal existence like all normal peoples. Knowing the ancient history of Chanukah, and reciting the heroic deeds of the Maccabees, we must have firm belief and confidence in our modern Maccabees and in ourselves that we will celebrate another Chanukah soon, and say a new benediction of thanks over the destruction and downfall of the present sinister German regime. (Article by A. L. Berkowitz)

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Dec. 16: 4/1,2 - Jews never were aggressors; Jews never sought wars by invading other countries with the desire to control them. The only desire Jews have and always had, is that peace prevail throughout the world. However, the moment the existence of Jews is imperiled or humanity is in danger, Jews are ready to make the supreme sacrifice for the protection of their ideals. Jewish reaction was thus during the lives of the Maccabees, over 2,000 years ago, when the Jewish religion, Jewish culture, and the Jewish nation were in danger, and Jewish reaction is identical now when not only the Jewish people, but the whole civilized world are threatened. Thousands of Jews fell in the battles against the armies of Antiochus Epiphanes in ancient times, and thousands of Jews die on today's battlefields fighting Hitler's and Mussolini's bands. Military leaders cannot sufficiently praise the heroism of Jewish fighters, the Maccabees of today. Hitler, like the ancient Antiochus, is determined to exterminate the Jews and the other peoples who oppose him, and like the Maccabees, Jewish soldiers today are equally determined to destroy Hitler, Mussolini, and their accomplices, the spiritual descendants of Antiochus. (Editorial)

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POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Dec. 8: 2/4 - America has 21 camps for "conscientious objectors." We are happy to say that there are no Poles among these objectors. Every Pole is ready to fight for his own liberty as well as for the liberty of others. (Unsigned column)

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Dec. 9: 1/4,5 - In this hour of grave national peril America must act unitedly, vigorously, and doggedly. In order to preserve our priceless heritage of freedom and democracy, treacherous Japan must be defeated and the source of all world aggression and domination must be permanently eradicated. Five million Americans of Polish descent -- whose land of ancestry, Poland, was the first to bear the brunt of the treacherous onslaught of totalitarianism -- stand today completely united behind you in this hour of fateful decisions. We are ready to give whatever our country may need of us in service and sacrifice. May divine Providence guide you in this grave hour. (Telegram by the Polish American Council to President Roosevelt in English)

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Dec. 10: 5/6 - The Nipponese have started something. The mikado, who

claims to be the son of the sun and a demigod, planned to mimic Hitler's conquest of Poland. His cohorts wanted to accomplish a similar feat but Washington and San Francisco are somewhat beyond the flying range of Tokyo bombers.

I am gratified to note that our Polish boys are volunteering and offering their lives to their country. Somehow it always happens that Poles are among the first to die for this country. We must not become fearful, because we have an old Polish adage to the effect that without the will of God not even a hair will be lost from anyone's head. We cannot be afraid, for we are descendants of a valiant and heroic people. (Column by the Whistler) (20)

Dec. 15: 5/6 - At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance of Poles of America Dec. 8 the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Together with millions of Americans, we join in supporting our great President during this most momentous era of our nation's history, pledging our lives and our fortunes against the forces of destruction, greed, tyranny, and treachery. Invoking the aid of a righteous God, we are confident in the ultimate success of our cause. (English) (13)

Dec. 16: 2/1 - Poland has declared war on Japan. Poland has taken this step despite the fact that her relations with Japan were harmonious for 20 years. The enemies of our friends are our enemies. As long as Japan is an enemy of the United States, she is an enemy of Poland. How fortunate and lucid is the moral position of loyal American citizens of Polish extraction. We are allies! (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (21)

Dec. 16: 5/7 - Many of our countrymen who have neglected to get their citizenship papers are worried about the possibility of trouble because America is now at war. I want to reassure them that no evil threatens them as long as they behave properly, pay their taxes, and are not at odds with the police or the government. The restrictions in effect are against the Swabs, the macaroni eaters, and the Nipponese. Poles who are not yet naturalized, however, should take steps to obtain their citizenship papers as soon as possible and purchase defense bonds to show that they want to help this country. It is a good investment and no one can lose by it. (Column by the Whistler) (21)

Dec. 17: 2/1 - President Roosevelt, in his first war speech, said that the conflict with Japan will probably be a long and hard one. His assertion proves that he has confidence in the moral strength and the determination of the American people to fight to the bitter end. It would have been wrong to tell the people that the war would be easy to win, although the superior forces of this country and its allies are sure to be victorious. We cannot minimize the danger that threatens us. Though Japan is tired out as a result of her war with China, Japanese soldiers completely scorn death and are ready to commit hari kiri. Aware of the seriousness of the situation, the American people are ready to make the supreme sacrifice, because to ignore the enemy would be dangerous. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (27)

Dec. 17: 2/2 - Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox on his return from Hawaii disclosed that 2,947 lives and six ships were lost at Pearl Harbor.

Congress has asked for an investigation and demanded punishment for those guilty of negligence.

In our opinion the result of the inquiry should be kept a secret, since no good will develop from any such publicity. The infliction of deserved punishment upon those responsible will not bring back lives or salvage ships and will only betray our secrets to the enemy. Dismiss the leaders who are not capable of leadership, but mete out no other punishment unless there is proof of treason. However, we do not believe there was any treason. Someone was merely negligent, because we were not at war and negotiations were in progress. The entire nation was not ready, so why punish a few when we are all to blame? (Editorial) (21)

Dec. 17: 5/7,8 - The Japs, the Swabs, and the macaroni eaters have declared war on the United States. Because they fear Hitler, Slovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Croatia also declared war on us. When the horse is being shod the frog also lifts its leg. Our government regards the war declarations of the small nations with contempt, and only the poor immigrants from those countries will suffer because they will be treated as enemies. The Poles are fortunate and must be grateful to the Polish government for resisting the axis and declaring war on the enemies of the democracies. We are treated with respect because of this. American Poles should now prove themselves worthy of this respect and volunteer their services in the armed forces of this, our adopted country. (Column by the Whistler) (23)

Dec. 18: 4/1 - Because President Roosevelt is a great leader, Japan's sudden attack did not catch us totally unprepared. Despite the opposition of isolationists, the President proceeded with making us ready for that which was bound to come. If we had listened to Lindbergh, Wheeler, Fish, Nye, and others our position would now be really dangerous. The isolationists must now admit they were mistaken. Today not only Americans, but the entire civilized world stands by President Roosevelt. He has the confidence of the nations fighting the aggressions of the totalitarian gangsters. Poles, not only in America but also in the old country, regard him with respect and love. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (26)

Dec. 18: 4/2 - The German-American Bund calls on its members to support the American government. It is hard to believe that this organization should suddenly become loyal to our country. We must remember that every member swore allegiance and obedience to Hitler. How can we reconcile the two facts?

The bundists only want to be free to continue their fifth-column activities. They won't be, however, because a bill has been proposed in Congress depriving of citizenship those guilty of harmful activity. Traitors must be watched because we cannot trust anyone who ever swore allegiance to Hitler. (Editorial) (15)

#### SLOVAK: Hlas

Dec. 11: 3/1,2 - We are at war! The United States of America was treacherously attacked by Japan at a time when as a ruse she was negotiating with our government for peace. This unexpected attack is the last chapter of

the totalitarian war. What shall our answer be to this attack? To stand with President Roosevelt, who for years pointed to the horrible danger which threatened the East and the West. It is our duty to support the government in every respect. Every man who is fit for military service should join the U. S. army; others should support the country financially by buying defense bonds, by working industriously in defense plants, and by watching for saboteurs. (Open letter to all Americans of Czechoslovak origin by the Czechoslovak National Council of America, the Czech National Alliance, the Slovak National Alliance, the National Alliance of Czech Catholics, and the Alliance of American Czechoslovaks of Texas) (20)

(Note: This same item appeared in the Svet-American of Dec. 10: 2/5,6)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Dec. 13: 2/1,2 - The United States, our adopted homeland, is at war. It now becomes the urgent duty of the American citizenry, and we also are a part of it, to help our country win. Those who can not be armed to defend the homeland should help at home. We will gladly help. We will not consider our help a sacrifice either, but a privilege, our duty to the homeland. We must help to build up the necessary army, help the army to get the required weapons, and help our government pay the resulting cost. We are convinced that everyone is ready and willing to give all he or she can. Our thoughts are turned in just one direction, to defend our homeland from the enemy. Everything else must be put aside. Only when we show ourselves to be good American citizens, good and loyal adopted sons and daughters of this great country, will we stand at America's side in her need. Our thoughts should be only of her and for her; only then will we be able to request, after a glorious victory, that she also take under her shelter the land of our birth to save our brothers and sisters across the ocean. If we can prove our loyalty, prove it well, she will gladly help us. We say this as faithful American citizens as well as good Slovenians. (Editorial) (22)

Dec. 15: 2/1,2 - Uncle Sam is at war! War costs money. Whether we like to be at war or not doesn't matter -- the question now is how to win the war. We must win regardless of what we must spend, even if the last tail of our cattle is given for that purpose, as our forefathers used to say. Every individual, even the children, can help defend our country by buying defense stamps and bonds. If we do not win this war our money and our property will be worthless. This means that every penny that can be saved should be lent to Uncle Sam. Many Slovenian individuals and organizations already have started to buy defense stamps and bonds. This is nice; all honor to them! (Editorial) (8)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Dec. 9: 1/2 - The New York Times revealed that the Cleveland Hungarian Catholic weekly, A Jo Pasztor, worships Hitler. The Szabadsag, also a Cleveland paper, is anti-Nazi and leads a campaign against the support of Hitler on the part of the American Hungarians.

The leading American newspapers are well informed as to the contents of foreign-language newspapers. (Comment in news) (17)

Dec. 10: 2/1,2 - When word was received of the brutal behind-the-back attack of Japanese bombers on American possessions in the Pacific, the American people were enraged by the shameless act. The sentiments of the Slovenians are expressed in the statement of Mayor Lausche, who said: Although Cleveland is considered a cosmopolitan city, I am firmly convinced that the loyalty and patriotism shown by our citizens will be the pride of every American. We did not fail our country in the past and we will not fail her in the future.

These are the words of a Slovenian son. American Slovenians are ready to defend their adopted homeland.

Our loyalty and patriotism will be the pride of every American, as Mayor Lausche said. We follow him not only because he is a son of our nationality, but also because he is the representative of a city of a million people which plays an important role in the production of urgently needed war materials. (Editorial) (24)

Dec. 13: 4/1; 3/7 - In the December Fortune magazine contrasts are drawn between Europe and the United States. Europe's misfortune is not that over 50 different races and nationalities live there -- the United States populace consists of nearly that many. However, one cannot pick out a single state or town in the United States that is inhabited exclusively by the Irish, the Italians, or the Croatians. To put it another way, the structural cell of the United States is the individual, of whatever race; the cell of Europe, the nationality. Here the individual is sovereign; there the nationality. And since it is easier to unite individuals than nationalities, the unity of the United States, compared with the diversity of Europe, ceases to be a mystery.

The United States became a democratic federation first and then a nation. Europe was developed in reverse; there one finds a number of entrenched nationalities who now must agree upon a common constitution.

For two years World War II has been called a war between democracy and dictatorship, between capitalism and anticapitalism. However, from the beginning the battle alignment did not follow such divisions: Poland had a dictatorial and England a democratic form of government. This is chiefly a war of national self-preservation against German domination; a war for life itself rather than the forms of life. If Hitler should succeed in making the Old World a German continent, a German Europe may soon be well enough equipped to reach for colonies beyond the Atlantic. War between the United States and the Nazis will be fought not merely for the "American way of life" -- it would be the "Second War of Independence." (Column by George W. Sanford in English) (23)

Dec. 13: 4/1,2 - We are at war with Japan, Germany, and Italy and let us have no illusions, the Axis Powers mean business. They want to rule the world, and if they should win, there will be no place in the world for an America as conceived by its founders, fought for and defended by her people for the last 150 years. The America of free men and women will be wiped out. Her people will be ruthlessly crushed and enslaved if the Nazi monster of Berlin and his satellites should succeed in their satanic plans.

This paper does not claim to be omniscient, but we felt for a long time

that an armed conflict between the United States and the barbarian wave represented by the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo combination was inevitable. America, as the strongest outpost of democracy, could no less be permitted to live in peace, no matter how hard she tried, than little Czechoslovakia could be permitted to live in the heart of Europe and remind the enslaved people of Germany and Italy that democracy can offer immeasurably more than dictatorship. Let us be thankful that we had a man at the helm in Washington who foresaw what was coming and did a splendid job of preparing the country for the crisis with which we are now faced. But for him and his vision, the United States today would be confronted, not with a crisis but a calamity. The question now is, what can we do to be of the greatest possible service to our country and its commander-in-chief?

The time for debate is over. No matter what you or I thought before the Nazi gangsters threw the challenge at us openly, there is only one thing that matters now. The enemy must be defeated, utterly crushed, and anything and everything that stands in the way of final and complete victory must be swept aside with firmness and determination. Our cause is just, we have the means and the power to win; and win we shall as surely as day follows night. (Editorial in English) (16)

#### THE INSOUCIANT WORLD

##### JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Nov. 27: 4/3-8 - Various newspapers and journals are writing about the building of a new world after the war. After reading the articles I ask myself, Why bother the world? We cannot destroy and much less can we build a world. It seems to me that the world is unconcerned, as is a landlord whose tenants come and go, but his building remains. The world has seen so many wars already that one war more or less doesn't matter. By the war the world will lose not one river, one mountain, or one valley. The world will remain intact; it will not be destroyed and will not have to be rebuilt. (Column by Ben Mordecai) (35)

## PRICE CONTROL

### GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

Dec. 4: 2/1,2 - It took the House of Representatives four months to decide to give the administration price control authority, but the Senate probably will not dispose of the bill before 1942. There isn't much left of the originally proposed bill. It has been "watered" so much that it is doubtful whether it will suffice to halt the rapid rise in prices and thus prevent chaos, providing it passes at all. The farmer and labor political pressure in Congress is to blame for impeding an extensive price control program. The demands for higher wages and higher prices for farm products are chiefly responsible for the defeat of the Bernard M. Baruch plan, which included provisions for freezing prices, wages, and rents. The price bill was considered only after it had been greatly altered and the administration had yielded to the elimination of several effective provisions. Contrary to the original plan, a committee of five members is proposed with power to control the so-called price dictators. Congressmen who, disregarding the warnings of the administration, failed to take the requisite preventive steps are censurable. Unless a miracle saves us next year, we will have to face an even greater rise in prices when the defense program will really be in full swing. (Editorial) (17)

### JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

Nov. 27: 4/1,2 - Bernard Baruch's plan, that the country during the emergency produce only one style and quality of shoes and other wearing apparel for everybody, seems to be a good one. No matter how stringently the government attempts to control prices, the profiteers will always find excuses for raising prices as long as there are hundreds of styles and qualities. The only remedy for profiteering is to adopt one type of each kind of clothing and set the prices therefore with governmental approval. The plan should apply not only to shoes and clothing but also to other manufactured products so as to limit styles and fashions and establish a low price on all standardized products. (Editorial) (8)

Nov. 30: 5/1-5 - No other group of Cleveland's population has been hit as hard by the rising prices as the so-called middle class which lives on fixed salaries. Merchants, manufacturers, tradesmen, landlords, and so on, although they too feel the higher prices, are in a position to raise their selling prices and rents. The man doing manual labor is also receiving, with or without a struggle, higher wages, and so employees depending on their salaries are the ones who feel the pressure of higher prices more than any other group. True, employees receiving small salaries are exempt from the new income taxes -- but the immunity does not change the fact that

the 360,000 Clevelanders depending on fixed salaries suffer more than the others, and that their situation will become more acute if the rise in prices is not stopped. (Article by Notte Schoenfeld) (56)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Nov. 28: 4/1,2 - Bernard Baruch's plan for the control of prices and wages, introduced in Congress by Repr. Albert Gore of Tennessee, was defeated by a vote of 218 to 63. The country needs price control because otherwise, prices will advance higher and higher with consequent strikes and other disorders. The public should demand that Congress pass some kind of a price control law. (Editorial) (18)

Dec. 3: 5/7 - Congress passed a price control bill. Although the bill is not very drastic it is expected that the Senate will put teeth into it, to the end that prices will be maintained at certain levels all over the country. At present prices are moderate in some communities and exorbitant in others. The government cannot tolerate such unfairness and must effect justice and reason through price control legislation. (Column by the Whistler) (15)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Nov. 22: 4/3; 3/5,6 - The wide-spread concern over the possibility that rising prices will lead to serious inflation is reflected in the current debate in Congress on the price control bill with the administration's insistence that a more effective measure be passed and the administration's support of further heavy increases in taxation. Inflation, defined crudely, means that money will buy less than formerly and as inflation increases the value of money decreases. There seem to be two ways to solve the problem. Direct control of prices can be initiated by Congress. But even to make this workable, the second way would also have to be adopted: to drain off part of the money from the hands of buyers, either by taxation of, or government borrowing from, those enjoying the increased income, or by a combination of the two. (Column by George W. Stanford in English) (22)

WORLD WAR III ?

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Dec. 6: 4/6,1 - Dr. Hermann Kauschning, former president of the Danzig senate, stated in an interview while visiting New York that Hitler is already preparing for a third world war. Hitler wants peace now so that he can prepare for it. However, we feel that his plans will be crossed up, because the world is wise to German tricks and will see to it that the Germans do not start another war. (Unsigned column) (7)

## PROPAGANDA AND THE FIFTH COLUMN

### CZECH: Svot-American

Dec. 1: 2/2-4 - Nazi propaganda functions differently in each country. It operates in the United States disguised as isolationism; in Mexico it promises help to the Catholic church; and in Central America it promises to give the Panama canal to Guatemala. Beware of those who play the role of prophets and reformers, because there is always something in their words which helps our enemy. (Editorial by Jan Duben) (33)

Dec. 16: 4/4 - Rev. Charles Coughlin is the only isolationist leader who did not declare himself as willing to support America's war aims. But while he is silent, his Social Justice redoubled its fascist propaganda activities. (Comment in news item) (6)

### HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Dec. 6: 2/6,7 - Attorney General Biddle has announced that a bill is being prepared which will compel publishers to submit to the department of justice the real name of the author of every article, pamphlet, or book published, either anonymously or under a pseudonym.

The American Hungarian press as well as every other foreign-language press has every reason to greet this precaution with satisfaction. It will make easier the sorting of darnel for wheat. It will be consoling to everyone who has the cause of American freedom in his heart to realize that the government knows who the loyal American citizens are, and who the incorrigible Nazis or Fascists are. (Article by Anonymous) (24)

### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Nov. 28: 8/4,5 - Are we free to tell the truth? This is a distressing question, which in a democracy should have a clear answer in the affirmative. The citizen today finds himself forced into reticence as well as into the practice of telling lies, as during prohibition. Before so many falsifications of facts he who is no hero and is not armed is forced to feign and lie. Truth is one and indivisible; if one does not tell the truth, he tells a lie of the worst kind, because a half-truth is more capable of deceiving than the pure and simple lie. After the tempest of political passions has passed we will be astonished and ashamed of our colossal falsifications, of which all of us are victims and accomplices. The worst misfortune is that we no longer know from what "authentic" sources we can learn the truth, and we are forced to accept everything regardless of the source. Today it is too difficult to recognize the truth, since it is dangerous to express it.

May God enlighten and help us! (Caio in a column by Il komeo) (16)

JEWISH: Yidishe Wolt

Nov. 25: 4/2 - Political experts have many times said that the present war is not a war between countries but a fight between two idealisms.

Hitler seeks to rule the world; with his devilish propaganda he has been successful in many lands in bringing into the Hitleristic camp the traitors of many countries. These traitors would give the impression that they are fighting for an ideal. But the truth of the matter is, they are traitors of the worst sort; as, for example, the Norwegian (Quisling), the French Petain, and the American Lindbergh. (Article by A. Cubaner) (8)

Dec. 15: 4/1,2 - The anti-Nazi league is correct in its demand, published recently, that the government of the United States recognize the menace to our country in allowing some of Hitler's agents, like the Vichy and the Spanish consuls, to remain in the country. The anti-Nazi league is likewise correct in its demand that U. S. authorities investigate thoroughly all former appeasers and see to it that no responsible positions remain in the hands of Quislings and Petains.

There is no doubt in our mind that the government will throw its full energy against persons suspected of being in Hitler's service, but the masses should not place the whole burden upon the government's shoulders. Any antidemocratic propagandist, open or secret, should be reported to the proper authorities, so as to give them sufficient proof for taking steps against him. (Editorial) (15)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Nov. 21: 4/1 - For many years the Germans tried to build up their influence in South America through the open exportation of German products and through the secret diffusion of Nazi doctrines. The German agents of commerce were in reality political agents. Behind the scenes of the frequent revolts in South America were observed the directing hand of German spies. Now many of the countries, undermined by Nazi fifth-column activity, are sobering up and realize the danger which threatens their independence. A whole series of developments testify to the fact that South America saw the thievish plans of the Germans and voided them in time by uprooting the Nazi octopus. The time approaches when the dream of total conquest of the world will end in total defeat. (Editorial by Dr. E. Savrenski) (23)

Nov. 26: 2/3,4 - The usefulness of Goebbels and his propaganda is diminishing because the world is now not as naive as it was. For this reason the propaganda is spread less frequently; the tone of it has also been changed. Instead of making threats or promising successes, German dispatches are now full of excuses because the situation is not as favorable as had been promised. The change is surprising, and augurs well for the democracies, not because the Nazis admit their failures, but because they are less sure of themselves. One must have confidence to attain success. (Column by W. G.) (24)

SLOVAK: Hlas

Nov. 27: 2/1-3; 5/7 - The Habsburgs appropriated the Roman slogan: "Divide and rule." The Germans and the Hungarians are adhering to it. The former are attempting to lure into their fold every German living in a foreign country, including those who speak such poor German that perhaps even their own mother does not understand them. Germany's purpose, of course, is to make such Germans feel that they are a part of the reich and to incite them to stir up trouble in the countries where they reside, and at the same time strive to obtain more and more rights and privileges for themselves.

Incidentally, the Hungarians have introduced a new Slovak political party in Kosice in order to defeat the old political party in Slovakia. There are plenty of traitors in Slovakia who comply with the demands of the Germans and the Hungarians. However, not only in Slovakia but also here in America are Slovaks who say that they are good Slovaks yet they perform the same destructive work among their countrymen in America as the old-country traitors perform in Slovakia. (Editorial) (64)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

Dec. 5: 2/6 - Let us unite as one! Away with the fifth-columnists, not only because they are the enemies of democracy but also because they are the enemies of Slavs. Countrymen, let us guard ourselves against dangerous, satanic propaganda. A staunch Catholic will not be easily swayed, but an undecided person will easily be confused and Hitler's end will also be their end. Countrymen, let us help our suffering people. This does not mean that you have to go to war with a gun in your hand. Crush fifth-columnists by warning your countrymen of the Nazi disease and you will be doing much. (letter by a Collinwoodite) (13)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Dec. 6: 2/1,2 - Technocracy, which at one time raised a lot of dust and which is now almost forgotten, has been taken up again by some of our naive people who consider it a sort of new-oracle magic wand to which you only have to command: Table! cover yourself! and there will appear plenty of everything. The Slovenian technocrats bombarded us persistently with their messiahism and we gave them as much attention as we give any fantastic movement that promises to enrich the world overnight. Since it is known that nazism and fascism both promise their faithful heaven on earth, it is no wonder that the technocrats felt the need of special "uniforms" in which they paraded and probably still parade.

That technocracy is 100-per-cent American fascism of the worst kind is substantiated by its official organ, Technocracy, in its 21st issue of series A, in an article entitled Highlights of Technocracy's Design of Continental Defense. Among other things, it says that the government should, for the benefit of safety and national welfare, do away with all foreign-language societies, whether fraternal, cultural, political, educational, or linguistic.

Hah! A more sincere and a more specific view of their chauvonistic aims cannot be presented, for which we have to thank them. Away with this social stench! (Editorial) (9)

## DEMOCRACY VS. TOTALITARIANISM

### HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

Nov. 25: 2/6,7 - During the past 150 years it never occurred to anyone to force another person to salute the Star Spangled Banner, because such compulsion would be contrary to freedom as well as opposed to the doctrines of God and the Constitution of the United States. Real Americans compel no one to salute the American flag; they know that those who want to enforce the salute also want to change or obliterate the Constitution of the United States, and introduce here the new Nazi order. (Letter by Mrs. M. Gellert, Chicago, Illinois) (9)

Nov. 27: 2/6,7 - Dr. Alvan Duerr, an outstanding pedagogue, gave democracy an entirely new definition at the supper of the Professional Panhellenic Association in New York when he asserted that democracy's greatest shortcoming is that it permits anyone to study at a university, thus making it possible for absolutely unfit persons to acquire a higher education and become a leader in the country's economic and political life.

It would be of no use to argue with the learned professor. We only want to say that one of the fundamental principles of the American Constitution gives everybody the right to seek his success in his own way; consequently no one can be deprived of an education. Furthermore, schooling alone predestines no one to leadership. Life itself makes the selection and we can see it nowhere better than in this country. (Column by Richard Lang) (12)

Dec. 5: 2/1,2 - Turkey has decided to remain on the side of the democracies no matter what happens. Hitler's efforts of many months to bring her to his side ended in failure.

No doubt America's attitude had much to do with Turkey's decision. Turkey now knows that America, by investing immense amounts of money in armaments, means business and that she will carry out to a victorious finish her plans to destroy the axis. (Editorial) (16)

Dec. 13: 2/1,2 - The Bill of Rights became part of the Constitution of the United States 150 years ago.

Besides the rights it gives us, the Bill of Rights also personifies the spirit for which we proudly sacrifice our lives and blood. This 150th anniversary reflects the light of the approaching free future of mankind. (Editorial) (16)

### ITALIAN: L'Araldo

Nov. 21: 2/2 - About ten years ago there was talk of an ideological war,

that is, a war to destroy ideologies. Germany and Italy with the adoption of new systems of public and private economy, new systems of state administration, and new systems of labor organization considered as ideologies all those forms of government which drew away from theirs. The plutocratic democracies, France, England, and the United States, as a result were taken by surprise. In turn the United States, France, and England considered as ideologies the totalitarian systems established in Germany, Italy, and other countries. An actual war is in progress in order to make one of these ideologies survive. The possession of the city of Danzig and the famous Polish Corridor were not worth a German motorized regiment or an English warship. For two years we have been assisting with horror a continuous human slaughter, a destruction of immense riches, the unheard of sufferings of suppressed and neutral peoples, and peoples involved in the dreadful slaughter. Behind the convenient screen of ideology, however, are found colossal economic, banking, and political interests. Petroleum, iron, coal, rubber, and other materials considered indispensable to civilization and world progress are also involved. (Unsigned article) (8)

#### JEWISH: Yidisho Welt

Dec. 11: 4/3-8 - Nazi leaders are common liars and irresponsible from start to finish. The Nazi party was built on lies, swindle, and intrigue, the like of which cannot be found in the history of nations.

During the last five months the Nazis have attacked Soviet Russia and once again it is apparent that the German people must live through further bitter disappointment and continue to feel depressed because their leaders have lied to them and bluffed them. Joseph Goebbels, minister of propaganda, has appealed to the German housewife to forget that she must stand in line for food and other items and that she often has to go home without many of the necessities of life. Instead of comforting them, he tells them that there is the danger of losing the war, and you can believe it, for he said: "If we lose this war we may expect a living hell."

Everybody feels that even hell is not enough punishment for so much murder and debasement. May we hope that the time will come when these common rulers will be suffocated under the mountain of lies which they have told. Should this mountain once start to slide, they will be engulfed in a fire which will be more fearful than hell itself. (Article by L. Lerner) (58)

#### POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

Dec. 4: 4/2; 5/6 - When the U. S. Constitution was drawn up, it did not contain any personal guarantees. In 1789 a so-called Bill of Rights was proposed in Congress but it was not formally passed by the Congress until Dec. 15, 1791. This year we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the validity of the Bill of Rights, and on this occasion we should get better acquainted with our Constitution in order to fully appreciate what it provides for all of us. (Editorial) (21)

## THE FATE OF THE QUISLINGS

CZECH: Svet-American

Dec. 1: 2/1,2 - A special sort of traitor called Quisling is not new. Although not so called, there were many Quislings during the American Revolution. After the victory of the colonies they did not meet death; they were forgotten. But it is certain that after the victory of England and her allies the Quislings will meet their death at the hands of their own nations. (Editorial) (18)

## WHO SHOULD DICTATE THE PEACE?

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

Nov. 25: 2/3-6 - The management of our Slovenian newspapers should be capable, and aware of the great responsibility of knowing what is good for the education of their subscribers and readers and what is not good for their nationality. In this world battle much propaganda is being spread; some of it is even placed in our own newspapers by persons who fled from the homeland and who are only seeking honor and benefit for themselves. The American Slovenians have not forgotten the treason by which the Slovenians in Venetian Juliana were sold by London in the last World War. It is laughable to hear that it will be London that decides what conditions will prevail in Europe after the present war. The sparrows on the roof know that it is Russia which has stopped, at least temporarily, Hitler's vandals. In these days while millions of Slav Russians are dying for the freedom of Europe and the world, London should offer us "democracy" (as it is in England, India, and Ireland)? (Article by A. A. Bomback, 184 17 st., Barberton, Ohio) (48)



## COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS

From the Cleveland Negro Press

### THE NEGRO AND THE WAR

#### CALL AND POST

Nov. 22; sec. II: 7/4,5 - Speaking on the stake the American Negro has the present world crisis, Rev. Horace White, militant representative in the Michigan state legislature, declared that the Negro should cast his lot with the forces determined to rid the world of the spirit of Hitlerism. He also said: "It is true that everything is not a beautiful picture for the Negro either here in America, or abroad where millions of blackmen suffer under Britain's rule, but we at least have the right to fight to see that our lot is better. Our stake in this world struggle is to fall in line for Hitler's defeat, but at the same time continue the fight to extend democratic rights and privileges unto all the people." (Unsigned article) (8)

Nov. 22; sec. II: 12/1-8 - For years our state department has sent southern whites as emissaries to South America on the theory that they know best "how to handle Negroes." The ones chosen have all too often been racially arrogant and none too intelligent. Their prejudices and cruelties have alienated and antagonized the leaders and the people of the countries whose friendship and co-operation we now so desperately need to keep Hitler out of the western hemisphere. Even as we are about to go forth to war, the U. S. army still insists on following the southern pattern of segregation, even in parts of the country where Negro and white boys attend the same schools, play on the same athletic teams, and respect each other as friends and human beings. During recent months I have heard Negroes who despair of democracy in the United States declare cynically that they hope Hitler wins because he will teach white America what it means to suffer from oppression. This is both silly and dangerous. If any one of you hold such beliefs, I urge you to read Hitler's Mein Kampf, in which he tells what he will do to the colored races, and particularly the Negro, when he achieves mastery of the world. If Hitler wins, there will be no organizations like the NAACP, no opportunity to protest or to work for a more just society. You and I must work to give without stint of our help to smash totalitarianism abroad, and to make democracy a living reality in every walk of life, in every part of the United States. If through the combined efforts of all of us, irrespective of race, creed or color, or national origin this is done, we can stop the dictators and build the kind of world you and I want. If we cannot forget racial

prejudices and achieve this unity, we face a future so terrible that the Dark Ages will seem bright by comparison. (Signed Editorial by Walter White) (48)

Nov. 29; sec. II: 12/1-8 - When Lindbergh sets upon the Jews, he is coming dangerously near the Negroes. Nazism thrives on race hatreds and well might the Negro tremble when the race persecution comes to the Jews, for then it is next door to the Negroes. Only a fortuitous circumstance saved the Negroes from great persecution when the Ku Klux Klan was directed wholly against Negroes; the revised form of the movement included Jews, Catholics, and Negroes, and therein was the Negroes' salvation. We may as well be warned that unless Hitlerism is defeated, great tribulation awaits our already hard-pressed race. For every reason Negroes had for fighting in past wars, there are many reasons for fighting in this one. Today we have a press in this nation that has a conscience; under Nazism the press would have none. Today the Negro can make his protest vocal; under Nazism his voice of protest would be silenced. Today the Negroes' dark outlook gives hope of a brighter tomorrow; under Nazism there would be no tomorrow. The Nazi sympathizers are strong in this country, and this strength is a dangerous threat to Negroes everywhere. Negroes may not be able to do much about it; but they should know what is taking place under their very eyes -- next door. (Signed Editorial by Dean Gordon B. Hancock) (40)

#### GUIDE

Dec. 6; sec. II: 2/8 - "Believe it or not", folks, there are pacifists still alive -- and in the United States. By pacifists I do not mean simply peace lovers. We are nearly all peace lovers and prefer peace to war. What I mean by "pacifist" here, is that fixed and stone-like or wooden professional who would not fight to defend his own wife and babies -- who continually harps about the "futility" of war; and he is (or pretends to be) so obtuse that he denies us even the right to self-defense in war. These pacifists! When they cannot out-argue you, they get peeved -- almost insulted. In spite of their half-hearted pro-Hitler words, now and then they say things for which Hitler would have shot them, and all their relatives -- over and over again. (Column by William Pickens) (16)

#### HERALD

Nov. 15: 6/8 - Once a fellow in discussing his married life said: "I let my wife do as she pleases," but added quickly, "as long as it pleases her to do right." We rather think the fellow made the decisions as to what was right. It appears to us that there is a parallel in the married man's story and the position of a lot of people on the question of free speech. They believe in free speech if they can provide the topic and angle. Today, the Negro is at the crossroad of his destiny. Hitler is trying to establish a new order which he hopes will last 1,000 years. The Negro must get his position fixed before the new order is established. If he is in at the time, he will remain

in for the duration, but if he is out, it will be just too bad. (Reprinted Editorial Amsterdam News) (12)

Dec. 13: 6/1,2 - The United States of America is in the war. Perching on the brink for many months since we made the decision to give "all-out aid" to Great Britain, we found ourselves compelled to jump in Sunday afternoon when the "Little Yellow Man of the Orient" stabbed us, gangster-like, in the back. As in other wars, the Negro is ready to answer his country's call. Despite the multitude of things that bear him down, he loyally feels that this is no time for recrimination. However deep his thoughts run beneath the surface, his "Here am I -- send me" is his instant answer to the call for duty. He realizes deep down, that with all the denial of opportunity and equality and the other obstacles which he faces daily in his quest for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," that this America is his home. (Editorial) (12)

## THE NEGRO STATES HIS CASE

### GAZETTE

Nov. 22: 1/3-6; 2/3 - In 1917 when William Tyler Page wrote The American's Creed, he set forth the ideals of Americanism. This creed is echoed by political operators and patrioteers on every possible occasion. Unified morale is desperately needed. Our distinctions of class and color deny the very ideals we profess to love and honor. We affirm the belief that ours is a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Yet we know that it is a government for some of the people and not for all of the people. The Negro American continues to remain the test of democracy in America. In that democratic southern section of our country where more than 10,000,000 Negro Americans live and have their being, repeated disfranchisement by subterfuge and force deny them the sacred right of voting. They are denied their civil liberties and suffer from the practicing of every form of Jim-Crowism. Under these conditions we cannot have a true democracy in our Republic. If equal justice is to predominate, then The American's Creed should become a living, breathing thing rather than a mockery of the ideals and traditions we so solemnly profess. (Column by Dr. Emmett J. Scott. Photo of Dr. Scott, 4) (28)

Nov. 29: 2/1 - Not content with the mistreatment of Negro soldiers in southern army camps, the U. S. Navy department is reported to have put up posters in all the buildings of the Brooklyn navy yard showing the caricature of a Negro shooting dice, accompanied by a slogan about speeding up production. Adding insult to injury! (Editorial) (2)